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TO: Wisconsin Works (W-2) Agency Directors
Child Support Agency Directors
County Department of Human and Social Services Directors
Tribal Economic Support Directors
Tribal Social Services Directors
Workforce Development Board Directors

FROM: Bill Clingan
Administrator

SUBJECT: FFY 2006 – FFY 2007 TANF State Plan

Background

In order to continue to qualify to receive funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, Wisconsin submitted a draft TANF state plan for FFY 2006 – FFY 2007 to the United States Department of Health and Family Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) on December 23, 2005. The Draft version of the plan is available for review and comments through February 22, 2006. The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will consider all comments and, as appropriate, will incorporate any revisions into the draft plan. Revisions to the draft plan will be submitted to the ACF.

The draft 2006-2007 state plan embodies the state TANF program as framed by the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), by subsequent federal TANF regulations, and by cumulative Wisconsin state legislation pertaining to Wisconsin Works (W-2) and related programs. The draft plan also reflects programmatic changes resulting from 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, the biennial budget act enacted on July 26, 2005.

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AS--Apprenticeship Standards	FM--Financial Management Requirements	ML--Migrant Labor	TR--Transportation
CC--Child Care	FL--Foreign Labor Certification	NA--Native American Services	W-2--Wisconsin Works
CS--Child Support	IT--IT Systems	RA--Refugee Assistance	WIA--Workforce Investment Act
CF--Children First	JC--Job Center	TC--Tax Credit Programs	
CR--Civil Rights	LM--Labor Market Information	TA--Trade Assistance	

The plan provides a general overview of the W-2 program and Wisconsin's other TANF programs. However, local agencies must continue to use the Department's policies and procedures, including the W-2 Manual and other official DWD/DWS informational releases for all program guidance.

Content of the Plan

Under the PRWORA, states must have a plan that outlines how they intend to conduct a TANF program that provides assistance to needy families and provides parents with job preparation, work and support services to enable them to leave the program and become self-sufficient. With the exception of Safety Services and Child Welfare Prevention Services, Wisconsin will provide TANF-funded services to needy families at or under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with the level of services outlined in the plan, varying according to income and assets. For those programs that fall under the fourth purpose of the TANF program (i.e., encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families), there are no income limits in place.

As required, the plan includes the assurances under section 402(a)(2)-(7) of the PRWORA related to conducting a program that, among other things: 1) provides parents with job preparation, work and support services to enable them to leave the program and become self-sufficient; 2) establishes goals and takes action to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, with special emphasis on teenage pregnancies; and 3) provides education and training on the problem of statutory rape so that teenage pregnancy prevention programs may be expanded in scope to include men. We consulted with the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) in developing the portions of the plan assurances related to prevention and reduction of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and education and training related to statutory rape. We also consulted with DHFS for any comments on the draft plan.

As in the current plan, we have grouped the program descriptions by whether they are federal TANF programs, segregated state TANF programs or separate state programs. We have also revised the Maintenance of Effort chart to reflect the program breakdown that will be in effect for FFY 2006 – FFY 2007. We also reorganized the location of some programs in the current plan in a new section titled Information on State Programs Currently Funded by Non-TANF Funds. This new section includes some program descriptions that were previously included in the plan under segregated state TANF.

Plan Availability

The DRAFT TANF plan is available:

- On the DWD Website at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dws/tanf/tanfstateplans.htm>
- or
- By requesting a copy from Gail Bilansky at (608) 266-7281 or, for TDD Telecommunication Service for the Deaf at (608) 267-0927.

Comment Period

Written comments on the plan may be submitted to Janice Peters, Bureau of Wisconsin Works (W-2), Division of Workforce Solutions, Room A200, 201 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI, 53707-7935, or by e-mail to Gail Bilansky at gail.bilansky@dwd.state.wi.us. Please submit written comments no later than February 22, 2006.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be scheduled in Madison during the public comment period. Information about the public hearing, including the date and location, will be posted on the web site listed above for Plan Availability or may be requested from Gail Bilansky (see e-mail address and phone number above). Comments at the public hearing will receive the same consideration as written comments.

Contact: DWS Regional Administrators